

Submission re Misinformation and Disinformation Bill

The proposed law is advocating the following:

The proposed powers would:

- enable the ACMA to gather information from digital platform providers, or require them to keep certain records about matters regarding misinformation and disinformation
- enable the ACMA to request industry develop a code of practice covering measures to combat misinformation and disinformation on digital platforms, which the ACMA could register and enforce
- allow the ACMA to create and enforce an industry standard (a stronger form of regulation), should a code of practice be deemed ineffective in combatting misinformation and disinformation on digital platforms.

This Bill and its proposed powers are frightening and my family and I oppose its contents completely.

For only one Government body to regulate what is the truth and what is not is unacceptable. This is what China has been doing for the last 50 years. Australia and other open Western countries have opposed the lack of free press and the lack of freedom of speech in China. Why would we want to go down the communist route and restrict Australians from free speech? It opens up the whole government to the possibility of corruption and bad decisions. Australia need scrutiny not more restriction.

Australians need to be in a free democracy so that people can choose for themselves; with our own mind what information we want to accept as true or false. The government has no business choosing what we should be reading/viewing.

We all have different belief systems. What I classify is true may be completely differently too from what ACMA determines as true.

It's quite evident that some Social media platforms have censored people's views and voices, even when scientists and proven facts were given. I for one don't want this to be extended to Government.

There is evidence that some Government agencies are still pushing and advocating for controlling narratives especially with respect to the recent covid vaccines. This Bill could further enhance and weaponise these government agencies further.

In this bill the government is exempt from these rules of misinformation? Please explain how this is fair?

What I deem as factual and science like issues around climate change, vaccines, gender, which can be shown with evidence-based information on biology and based on scientists can be just dismissed by the ACMA and will not be heard

People are allowed to disagree in respectful manners.

Please stand for all Australian and under natural law, common law of human rights of freedom of speech.

Allow people to view and share their opinions and facts in a fair democracy.

I advocate for our future generations. Let us be one Australian people to unite us not divide us.

I am very concerned, father, husband and professional worker.